

discussion, the amendment expedites the grant process by canceling Claims 33, 34, 36 and 37 without prejudice to pursuing them in the future if so desired.

Claims 15, 16, 18-22, 35 and 38 are amended for the better readability thereof to advance prosecution and remove the issues at hand. Although Applicants believe that the specification enables the practitioner to practice the claimed invention as originally written, the claims are revised to remove the preamble phrase of the vaccine product claims and to change the method of "protecting" a pig to a method of "immunizing" a pig. As a result, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Non-elected Claims 23-28 (Group V) are recited below to afford the Examiner the opportunity to rejoin the process claims with the allowable product claims. The Office action mailed September 7, 2005 made it clear that rejoinder is available to this set of claims ("should the elected product of Group I ... be found allowable, the method of Group V can be rejoined"). Consequently, Applicants respectfully ask that the Examiner kindly rejoin the process Claims 23-28 and allow the application, as presently amended, to issue as a patent. If any outstanding question remains, the Examiner is invited to please contact the undersigned attorney for a discussion of mutually agreeable solutions.

Accordingly, favorable treatment is urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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